

"BORN CRUCIFIED"
(THE KEYS TO NEWNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST)
ROMANS 6:6-11

I. THE FIRST KEY NEGATIVELY STATED: THE DEATH DEALING WORK OF GOD AS SEEN IN TWO PAST ACTS (6:6-7)

A. The First Past Act Which Brings About A Present Result: The Death Of Our Old Man! (6:6a,7)

1. The "Old Man" Is The Person We Were In Our Unregenerate Condition Without Christ (6:6a).
2. The Crucifixion Of The Old Man Was A Judicial Matter. (6:7)

B. The Second Past Act Which Brings About A Present Result: The Destruction Of The Body Of Sin! (6:6b)

1. The "Body Of Sin" Is The Sin Nature (Principle) Which Previously Reigned In Our Mortal Body.
2. The Body Of Sin Was "Destroyed" In The Sense That It Was Unseated As The Ruler Of Our Life.

II. THE SECOND KEY POSITIVELY STATED: THE LIFE GIVING WORK OF GOD AS SEEN IN TWO PRESENT EXPERIENCES (6:8-11)

A. We Share In Christ's Final Triumph Over Death Through His Resurrection (6:8-10).

1. In His Risen Life, The Lord Has Resumed His Face To Face Fellowship With God And Is Currently Preoccupied With The Consummation Of His Eternal Purpose.
2. In This Respect, He Presents A Pattern For The Believer In His Expectation Of The Future And Also In His Motivation For Life In The Present Time.

B. We Believe With All Our Being That The Death / Life Principle In Christ Is Indeed A Reality With Us (6:11).

1. It Is A Matter Of Believing Not Feeling
2. Coming To The Right Conclusions Leads To Great Liberty For The Believer.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR SIN NATURES? A SURVEY OF "KATARGEIO" (καταργέω)

... *that the body of sin might be destroyed...*

Strong's Definition: "to render entirely idle (useless); ...to become (make) of no (none, without) effect...to bring (come) to nought...to put down ... to make void."

This verb appears 27 times in the New Testament. The Authorized Version translates this verb 17 different ways. It is therefore wise to compare and contrast. Below is a sampling of some of the ways the word has been used and translated.

...cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid! (Romans 3:31)

...and the promise made of none effect (Romans 4:14)

...she is loosed from the law of her husband. (Romans 7:2)

But now we are delivered from the law (Romans 7:6)

...to bring to nought things that are (I Corinthians 1:28)

...but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail (I Corinthians 13:8)

...whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (I Corinthians 13:8)

...then is the offense of the cross ceased. (Galatians 5:11)

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity... (Ephesians 2:15)

...that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil (Hebrews 2:14)

(Notice in this last instance that Satan has not been annihilated, but has been rendered ultimately ineffective and powerless!! This, I believe is the idea regarding the still indwelling sin nature of the believer in Romans 6:6)